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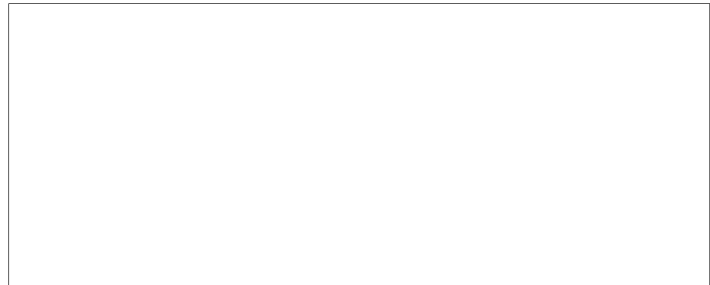
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Jim: 

You and your "friends" from DOE have made some sense out of chaos--the report is quite readable. The only final thought I could offer is to declare our support for the recent actions in the Justice Department to allow R&D cooperation among firms that compete for the same market and to encourage the Congress in its actions to stimulate R&D in the private sector with suitable inducements in the form of tax credits.

On a personal note, as you know, I would like to see a more far-reaching and comprehensive proposal that established goals, teams, schedules, and supportive funding that would organize our efforts across industry, government and academia into a coherent activity. I am convinced that with a coordinated effort the US would not only maintain its lead in supercomputing, but also would convert the aggressive Japanese thrust into Supercomputers and the 5th generation AI Computers into a massive upgrading in computer power and applications worldwide. With the Japanese effort the Computation Die for the 1990s is cast, the mold of US exclusive domination of computers is broken; we can either organize across the private and public sectors to lead the world or watch from compartmented positions the erosion of our scientific, technical and economic strength with more serious impact than that from Japanese domination in steel, autos and TVs.

Perhaps you could allow (even encourage) Joe Smagorinsky to write a brief minority report stating his area of agreement and his sense of disagreement with the report's perceived shortcoming of stopping short of a directed solution.

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